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SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF IRON ORE EXPORTING STATES

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1. DISCUSSED GIRM'S POLICY TOWARD PROPOSED ORGANIZATION

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OF IRON EXPORTING STATES WITH DIRMINES (MINISTRY PLAN AND

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) ISHAQ OULD RAGEL WHO CONFIRMED GIRM WOULD WELCOME AND WILL SUPPORT MOVES ORGANIZE IRON PRODUCERS ORGANIZATION ALONG OPEC LINES. RAGEL EXPLAINED THAT GIRM HAS BEEN PART OF INFORMAL IRON ORE EXPORTERS GROUP FOR PAST THREE YEARS AND THAT HE HIMSELF HAD ATTENDED SEVERAL GROUP MEETINGS. WITH GROWTH COPPER MINING AND COMMERCIAL FISHERIES, IRON ORE EXPORTS BECOMING RELATIVELY LESS IMPORTANT IN GIRM EXPORT EARNINGS SCENE. BUT, IRON MINING REMAINS BY FAR LARGEST INDUSTRY HERE AND STILL SUPPLIES NEARLY 60 PERCENT OF MAURITANIA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS. WITH IRON ORE EXPORTS--WHICH GO MAINLY TO EEC--NOW REACHING 12 MILLION TONS PER YEAR, AND WITH PROSPECTS FOR EVEN LARGER EXPORTS ONCE LOW-GRADE ORES ARE TAPPED, RAGEL SAID HE EXPECTED HIS MINISTER (SIDI OULD CHEIKH UBDULLAHI) WOULD REPRESENT GIRM AT ANY FUTURE IORN ORE EXPORTING STATES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.

2. CREATION OF ORGANIZATION IRON ORE EXPORTING STATES ALSO FITS GIRM'S THIRD WORLD FOREIGN POLICY SET. THOUGH NOT A LEADER IN THIRD WORLD COUNCILS, GIRM VIGOROUSLY SUPPORTS ALGERIAN LINE--TAKEN UP BY MOST RECENT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE-- THAT PRIMARY PRODUCT PRODUCERS MUST FORM CARTELS IN ORDER IMPROVE TERMS OF TRADE WITH INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS.
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